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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Jorge Ancheyta Juárez, Gerardo Betancourt Rivera, Gustavo Jesús Marroquín Sánchez, Guillermo Centeno Nolasco, José Antonio Domingo Muñoz Moya and Fernando Alonso Martínez each declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application, and assignors of such application to Instituto Mexicano del Petroleo.

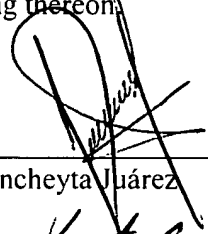
2. We are co-inventors of the subject matter disclosed in the article entitled "Hydroprocessing of Maya Heavy Crude Oil in Two Reaction Stages" in *Applied Catalysis A:General*, pp. 159-170 (July 9, 2002) Elsevier (hereinafter "AC Article").

3. L.C. Castaneda, Ma. T. Gomez and P. Rayo, who are listed as co-authors of the AC Article, worked under the supervision and direction of Jorge Ancheyta at the time the experimental work described in the AC Article was performed. Messrs. L.C. Castaneda, Ma. T. Gomez and P. Rayo are not co-inventors of the subject matter disclosed in the AC Article, but were named in the AC Article in recognition of their work in carrying out analyses of oil and catalyst samples using standard procedures, and performing mass balances in the experiments that were conducted on a pilot plant scale. At the time they performed their

work, were non-experienced employees working under Mr. Ancheyta, who has more experience.

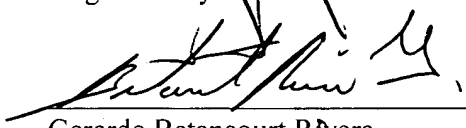
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